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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/666,684	Applicant(s) WARD ET AL.
Examiner Karen B Addison	Art Unit 2834	

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 2002.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 7-8, 14-15, 19-20, 22, and 23 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 7, 8, 14, 15, 19 and 20 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 22 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 23 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 7-8,14-15 and19-20 are allowed
2. Claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Prior art fails to shows: a pair of fingers of the plurality of fingers of the coil support finger plates each extends outwardly between an adjacent pair of end portions of the plurality of spaced –apart stator coil slots.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawabata (6072259) in view of Cope (4160926).
Kawabata disclose a stator comprising: coil finger plate (18) having a base portion(C) which defines a stator coil slot bottom (E) and a distal end portion (d) on at least one finger. Kawabata does not disclose a first wedge being formed in a distal end portion of at least one finger of the coil support finger plate extending between end portions of the

first and second stator coil slots and the second wedge land for the second wedge being formed in the distal end portion of the same at least one finger of the coil support plate.

Cope discloses in fig. 9 a stator core comprising: a first and second slot wedges (96) each overlie a corresponding one end portions of the first finger (A) and second stator coil slots (84). Wherein the first and second space - apart wedge lands (86) are formed in the support plate (82). Cope also disclose the first wedge land for the first wedge being formed in a distal end portion of at least one finger of the coil support finger plate extending between end portions of the first and second stator coil slots and a second wedge land for the second wedge being formed in the distal end portion of the same at least one finger coil support plate for the purpose of supporting the coils. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the stator of Kawabata with the slot wedges of Cope for the purpose of protecting the stator coils and securing excellent insulation.

Conclusion

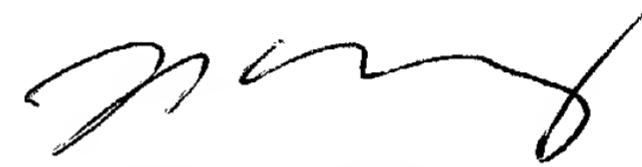
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen B Addison whose telephone number is 703-306-5855. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 to 4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on 703-308-1317. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3431 for regular communications and 703-305-3431 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.



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